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21.	Manava Kalyan Seva Sansthan, Lucknow.	-do-
WEST BENGAL		
1.	Haldia Samaj Kalyan Parishad, Midnapore.	Complaint received. Under investigation.
2.	Seulipur Udayan Club, Bhagwanpur, Midnapore.	-do-
3.	Satya Bharti, P.O. Nbagram, Hooghly.	-do-
4.	Bhagra Diamond Club	Adverse Inspection Report.
5.	Shishu Manzil, Calcutta	-do-

Since there is very little time, I may tell you what my Ministry is doing, since this is the question.

One, we have sub-grants.

Two, we have asked for the due process to recover the money.

Three, we have targeted officials.

Four, we have informed all the other Departments in the Government of India not to give money to these people. We have asked for criminal proceedings against them.

SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: There were forged signatures. It has been brought to the notice of the State Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

SDF Loans for Private Steel Producers

*266. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new private steel producers have approached for loans from the Steel Development Fund; and

(b) if so, the names of those companies and the amount of loans they have asked for?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NAVEEN PATNAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Two new private steel producers namely Ispat Industries Ltd. and Lloyds Steels Ltd. have approached for loans from the Steel Development Fund. The total amount of loans asked for by them is approximately Rs. 1600 crores.

Modernisation of IISCO

*267. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from the Russian Steel Consortium regarding modernisation of Indian Iron and Steel Company plant in Burnpur;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal;

(c) whether Government have considered the proposal; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NAVEEN PATNAIK): (a) to (d) IISCO is a sick company and has been under reference to BIFR since June, 1994 for determination of measures in regard to the future of the company. SAIL have submitted a proposal to revive IISCO in a Joint Venture (JV) partnership with M/s. Tyazhpromexport (TPE) of Russia. This Proposal is dependent on the use of Rupee Debt Funds for which an Inter Governmental Agreement between the Government of Russia and Government of India is required. The Project *inter-alia* envisages an investment of Rs. 2107 crores, writing off of accumulated losses etc. Govt of India's efforts in this direction culminated in the signing of a Protocol in the Fifth Session of Indo-Russian Inter-Governmental Commission in November, 1998. In the Protocol, it has been proposed to use a part of India Rupee Debts as contribution of the Russian side to the Joint Venture Company.

Further, Govt. of India have already presented the draft of an agreement to the Russian side. The response of the Russian Govt. is awaited.

However, any scheme to be taken up for modernisation will have to be in accordance with the orders of the BIFR in this regard.

Enforcement of the Disabilities Act, 1995

*268. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pelased to state;

(a) the date from which the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full participation) Act, 1995, has become effective;

(b) whether the Chief Commissioner at Central level and Commissioner at State level have started functioning; and

(c) if so, the locations and the addresses of their offices where the aggrieved persons can contact them for their problems/grevances and non-implementation of the aforesaid Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, has come into effect from 7th February, 1996.

(b) The Government of India have appointed the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities at Central level, on 1st September, 1998. The State Governments have also taken action to appoint Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities at State level.

(c) The Government of India have decided to establish the Office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities at Nagpur. Steps have already been taken to obtain office accommodation for this office at Nagpur. However, the present address of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities is as follows:

SHRI B.L. Sharma,
Chief Commissioner for Persons with Diabilities,
Room No. 249, A-Wing,
Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-110001.

Most of the State Government/UTs have appointed the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities. The addresses of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities of these States/UTs are given below: